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1. SUMMARY: SENAT HAS MADE OFFER OF 20 MILLION DM FOR EAST BERLIN TERRITORY ("DUCKBILL") WHICH JUTS INTO WEST BERLIN NEAR FROHAU. EAST GERMANS REPLIED PROPERTY IS WORTH AT LEAST 60 MILLION DM. ALTHOUGH WAY IS NOW PAVED FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON EXCHANGE OF TERRITORY, SENAT WILL NOT PROCEED UNTIL GDR MAKES CLEAR WHAT WOULD BE INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTION OF NORTHERN CROSSING POINT AT ZERNDORFER WEG. END SUMMARY.

2. AT MEETING OF SENAT VISITS COMMISSIONER KUNZE WITH HIS EAST GERMAN COUNTERPART MITDANK ON SEPTEMBER 1, FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS WAS FURTHER DISCUSSION OF GDR PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH NORTHERN CROSSING POINT AT ZERNDORFER WEG. KUNZE DECLARED THAT SENAT COULD NOT RESPOND TO THIS

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PROPOSAL FORMALLY UNTIL IT RECEIVED PERFORMANCE CONDITIONS

(LEISTUNGSVERZEICHNIS) WHICH SENAT WOULD HAVE TO FULFILL
AND UNTIL PROBLEM OF "DUCKBILL" WAS RESOLVED.

3. KUNZE PROVIDED MITDANK WITH MAP OF "DUCKBILL" AREA
AND INDICATED SENAT WOULD BE WILLING INDEMNIFY GDR FOR
EXCHANGE OF THIS PROPERTY TO EXTENT OF DM 200 PER SQUARE
METER, WHICH HE SAID WAS CURRENT MARKET VALUE PLUS COST
OF MOVING DISPLACED HOME DWELLERS. MITDANK REPLIED THAT
THIS WOULD WORK OUT TO DM 20 MILLION WHICH WAS COMPLETELY
UNREALISTIC; HE INDICATED THAT PROPERTY COULD NOT BE
RELEASED FOR UNDER DM 60 MILLION. FURTHERMORE, MIDANK
SAID, ALL COSTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CROSSING POINT AT
ZERNDORFE WEG WOULD BE OVER AND ABOVE AMOUNT PAID FOR
"DUCKBILL" AREA. MITDANK ADDED THAT "DUCKBILL" WAS
ASPECT OF NORTHERN CROSSING POINT PROPOSAL WHICH WAS
LEAST NEGOTIABLE. HE ASKED WHETHER SOME OTHER VARIANT
COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED, SUCH AS USING S-BAHN RIGHT-OF-WAY
NORTH OF FROHNAU. KUNZE REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE
TO RUN HIGHWAY THROUGH FROHNAU AND THAT SENAT'S
CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE USE OF S-BAHN RIGHT-OF-WAY HAD
NOT YET BEEN CONCLUDED. HE SAID IT WAS ALREADY CLEAR,
HOWEVER, THAT SUCH A SOLUTION WOULD RAISE CONSIDERABLE
DIFFICULTIES AND DISADVANTAGE. IN REPLY TO MITDANK'S
QUESTION AS TO SENAT POSITION IF EXCHANGE OF "DUCKBILL"
TERRITORY NOT POSSIBLE, KUNZE REPLIED THAT SENAT DESIRED
TO CONTINUE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES AND THAT IT WOULD
ACCEPT CROSSING POINT AT ZERNDORFER WEG IF SOLUTION COULD
BE FOUND TO "DUCKBILL" PROBLEM AND IF ACCEPTABLE LIST OF
CONDITIONS OF PERFORMANCE WERE PROVIDED. SENAT'S FINAL
DECISION DEPENDED ON ANSWER TO THESE OPEN QUESTIONS.
MITDANK TOOK THIS UNDER ADVISEMENT. NEXT MEETING ON
THIS SUBJECT WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 8.

4. SENAT CONTINUES TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON POSSIBLE
ACQUISITION OF "DUCKBILL" IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.GEORGE

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